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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/698,213; Filed: October 30, 2000
For: **Computational Nucleic Acid Coding and Feature Analysis**
Inventor: James D. MCININCH
Our Ref: 04983.0220.00US00/38-10(15494)A

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures;
2. Copy of Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures;
3. Copy of Statement Regarding Sequence Submission filed 10-30-2000;
4. Copy of the stamped return postcard dated 10-30-2000; and
5. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

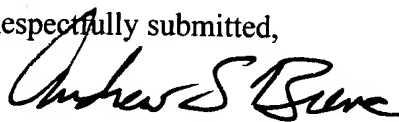
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Respectfully submitted,



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**Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply that was mailed on January 19, 2001 for the above-referenced application, Applicants note that the requested document was submitted to the PTO with the application when the application was filed on October 30, 2000. To hasten examination, however, Applicants enclose a copy of the document, which is the Statement Regarding Sequence Submission, as well as a copy of the postcard that was stamped by the PTO and that indicates submission of the Statement Regarding Sequence Submission.

Applicants note that the Notice to Comply states that, "general information in paper copy is missing." It is unclear what, if anything, is meant by such a statement. Applicants' representatives have contacted the PTO by telephone to obtain clarification but have failed to obtain such clarification.

If direct communication will hasten the process, Applicants encourage the PTO to contact the undersigned directly at 1-202-383-7217.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew S. Brenc".

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Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file the items indicated below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825 for the following reason(s):
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